

Parliamentary National Party of Australia (WA)

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2021 STATE ELECTION: JUST-EQUAL

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 December 2020 on behalf of the national advocacy group Just-Equal. I appreciate you taking the time to outline the concerns of your organisation ahead of the March 2021 State election.

One of the founding principles of The Nationals WA is that regional West Australians deserve access to relevant services and protections against discrimination, regardless of their postcode. As you would be aware the day-to-day issues faced by LGBTQIA+ people are often exacerbated by remoteness and isolation from services and support networks.

If legislation to resolve the issues raised was introduced to Parliament, voting on it would be a matter of conscience for members of The Nationals WA. I encourage you to send the survey to each local candidate for their individual responses.

Although not specific to LGBTQIA+ individuals and families, The Nationals WA have made the following election commitments to date:

- \$15 million for an office of the State Rural Health Commissioner, to complement the work done at a national level.
- \$140 million for regional mental health services, including demographically targeted funding for regional community support hours.
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- \$15 million for community-based women's health services in regional Western Australia

Further detail on these and other election commitments can be found on our website <u>www.nationalswa.com/</u>

Yours sincerely

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